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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

- 1. European Patent Application No. 0 812 119, published December 10, 1997.
- Japanese Patent Application No. 11-252628, published September 17, 1997 with English Abstract.
- Japanese Patent Application No. 10-224856, published August 21, 1998 with English Abstract.

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4. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-224865, published August 21, 1998 with English

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